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National Crime Victims' Rights awareness event to be hosted by Marion County Prosecutor's Office

(Indianapolis, Ind.) The Marion County Prosecutor's Office will commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week at an event on April 5 at the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Engagement Office. Organized by the office's victim advocates, the event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A brief presentation with remarks by Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry and representatives from IMPD and the Marion County Sheriff's Office is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. Emily Longnecker will also give remarks about the need for community support of victims of crime from her perspective as a recent crime victim and from her role as a reporter with WTHR-TV telling the stories of other victims.

This year's event will feature a flowering plant giveaway to the first 50 attendees in honor of the victims and survivors of Marion County. The event will be held in the parking lot on the southwest corner of E. 42nd Street and College Avenue, weather permitting. If necessary due to inclement weather, it will be moved to inside the IMPD Engagement Office.

This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be observed April 2 through April 8, and the theme —*Strength. Resilience. Justice.* —reflects a vision for the future in which all victims are strengthened by the response they receive, organizations are resilient in response to challenges, and communities are able to seek collective justice and healing.

What: National Crime Victims' Rights awareness event

When: Wednesday, April 5

11:00 a.m. – Partner booths open and networking

12:00 p.m. – Remarks by Prosecutor Curry and guests

Where: IMPD Engagement Office

4209 N. College Ave. (inclement weather)

Parking lot on the southwest corner of 42nd St. and College Ave.

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The Marion County Prosecutor's Office victim advocates serve an important role, helping victims access critical services and guide them through the prosecution process. Specialized advocates assist victims of domestic violence and sex crimes as well as the families of homicide victims. Approximately 10,000 cases are assigned to the advocates each year.

For additional information about the 2016 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, visit the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime website, www.ovc.gov. To learn more about the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, please visit www.indy.gov/MCPO or contact mcpo@indy.gov.